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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/IC

SUBJECT : Objectives of the Intelligence Community
for FY 1975

REFERENCE : USIB/IRAC-D-22.1/14, 20 May 1974

1. In accordance with the referenced memorandum, CIA has reviewed the DCI's draft memorandum to the President transmitting the statement of Intelligence Community objectives for FY 1975.

2. I urge that, after all of the comments from USIB principals and IRAC members have been considered, it would be helpful to circulate the redrafted memorandum for more review and comment. The CIA comments, presented below, follow the format of the referenced memorandum.

Letter to the President

3. The first paragraph gives the erroneous impression that USIB was established by the President's letter of 5 November 1971; this is obviously not true. Furthermore, the characterization of the NSCIC and perhaps IRAC as "...active and useful vehicles..." seems a little premature given their track records to date. Perhaps it would be better to make this characterization more tentative until we have had more experience with the workings of the committees and a better basis on which to judge their utility.

4. In the second paragraph, the sources and methods qualification to being more responsive to the Congress should be dropped if the intention is to keep the letter unclassified and perhaps release it publicly. The phrase would appear defensive; it is really unnecessary in the context and interrupts the flow of thought.

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5. The use of the phrase "are coming to dominate" in the last sentence of the third paragraph overstates the realities of the situation. Although "the substantive intelligence needs of our consumers" are being given more weight than before in the discussions of substantive product, it would be hard to demonstrate that decisions on resources throughout the Community are being dominated by the substantive needs of our consumers. The Director could say that he intends to make it so.

Substantive Objectives and Milestones

6. The statements of substantive objectives are generally acceptable and commendably brief. The objectives, though necessarily highly generalized for the President, will have to be more specific, however, if they are to be used as a basis for evaluation and as action objectives by the various components of the Agency.

7. The milestones for each of the substantive objectives in the enclosure will give some benchmarks by which Community managers can assess their progress. The milestones for each objective, however, do not seem to be interrelated and may have extremely uneven impacts on the manpower of line organizations. Comments on some of the specific substantive objectives and milestones follow:



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